

LOBSTER UP TO 85 CENTS POUND; EPICURES HIT

Plain Fish No Longer "Poor Man's Friend"—Storms Blamed for Increase

SCARCITY OF SEA FOOD

Some Grades Have Advanced 100 Per Cent in Cost, Philadelphia Dealers Say

Fish, long championed as the poor man's friend and the food for his table, has deserted him for the tables of the rich. Scarcity has increased so much in price this winter that it is considered almost a luxury.

Prices are higher than at any other time in the history of the fish trade. Some grades of fish, notably haddock, hake and cod, have increased in price 100 per cent in the wholesale price. Retail prices have increased even to a greater proportion, according to the fish men.

The blame for the high market is placed by dealers principally on the storms that have been raging along the coast from Massachusetts to Florida. These disturbances, occurring one after another, have kept the fishing vessels from going to the banks, thus cutting short the fresh supply.

According to D. D. Lewis, partner in E. P. Timmons Company, wholesale fish dealers, another is the great demand owing to the increasing popularity of fish, which has kept fish men busy filling orders.

"Prices are higher than ever known," said Mr. Lewis, discussing the market. "The storms have kept the supply down while the demand has been getting heavier and heavier. Some fish have doubled in price, especially the green and fresh varieties, such as cod, haddock, rock, hake and trout. We have been unable to get our usual quantity of fish from Boston since because the fishermen cannot get out to the banks, on account of the storms."

That there is little chance of lower prices is the opinion of W. T. Bonner, manager of E. P. Warner Company. "While prices won't go any higher, I don't believe that they will come down until summer, anyway," Mr. Bonner, after referring to the storms, and the demand as reasons for the high market, said that the great quantities of small fish, that cannot be used, are being caught by the net and destroyed. These fish, he said, get in with the bigger varieties and are killed in the nets before they can be freed. If this is continued, Mr. Bonner said, there will be great scarcity in the near future.

That some grades of fish have fallen off as much as 25 per cent in quantity in the last few years is the opinion of H. J. Blain, manager of the Acme Fish Company. This is also due to the high prices, he said. "Wholesale and retail prices are so high that they have declined," he said.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICES

Table with 3 columns: Item, Wholesale, Retail. Includes items like Haddock, Cod, Salmon, etc.

WOMAN TAKES POISON

Patient Recovering at Hospital Refuses to Divulge Name

A well-dressed woman, who refuses to divulge her name, is recovering today in St. Mary's Hospital from the effects of a dose of poison she swallowed with suicidal intent. The woman, who is about forty years old, told the physicians that she had taken the poison because she was tired of living.

She was found on the street suffering from violent nausea at Orleans and Jefferson streets. Passersby saw her and had her removed to the hospital. The prompt application of the stomach pump saved her life. The poison will be analyzed to determine its nature.

In one pocket of her clothing was found a letter addressed to Mrs. Grace Groff, of 132 North Fifty-second street. It was found later that a domestic by that name had left this address several weeks ago.



MISS HELEN MURPHY

Since her return from London last month she has been entertained at a number of social affairs. Tomorrow afternoon her mother, Mrs. R. C. Murphy, of 5031 Elliott street, will give a tea in her honor.

BOY FINDS UNCLE SUICIDE

Child, Getting Coal in Cellar, Discovers Despondent Man's Body

When Johnnie Meade went down in the cellar of his home at 865 North Preston street this morning for a bucket of coal before he started off for school, he stumbled over a body in the darkness.

CONVICT EDITOR MISSING

Only One of Seventeen Paroled for Holidays Who Failed to Return

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 4.—H. A. Shupper, editor of the Square Deal, the prisoners' paper, and advocate of the honor system, was the only one missing today of seventeen men paroled for the Christmas holidays when the roll was called at the State penitentiary.

'BILED DINNER' MARS WHARTON EFFICIENCY

Aroma Not of Araby the Blest Disturbs Students in Logan Hall

QUINTESSANCE OF ONIONS

Fragrance of Janitor's Repast Blends With That of Pickling Solution for Cadavers—Whew!

The janitor of Logan Hall, home of the Wharton School of the University, had a biled dinner yesterday. This was the first time that the pungent odor has wafted its way around the house, but yesterday's appears to be the offing, as the straw that broke the camel's back of the student body for in this morning's Commencement is entered a communication denouncing conditions in general around Logan Hall and insisting that better should be done, not only in the kitchen, but in the dining room.

The janitor of the Pennsylvania State University, who had biled dinner for the students of Logan Hall, had biled dinner for the students of Logan Hall, had biled dinner for the students of Logan Hall.

The student body of the Wharton School has taken the matter up, and while on the subject of odor, they mean to touch upon means and methods of abating the smell of unperfected subjects, which around the corner from the Hars Laboratory eighteen feet away and chosen adjacent Wharton School classes, especially in summer.

Over the basement of Logan Hall hangs a haze of pickle-brine stench, the brine being used in the embalming of the bodies. They have become used to this odor and alumni are wont to sniff it and gain refreshment. But the odor in summer is too much.

ASKS MONEY FOR ISLANDS

Secretary Lansing Urges Bonds for Purchase From Danes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Secretary Lansing conferred at the Capitol with Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and urged that Congress should authorize the \$25,000,000 to pay for the Danish West Indies and also determine the form of government for the newly acquired islands. Both denied discussing the pending resolution to induce President Wilson's decision.

B'NAI BRITH MEMBERS AT BANQUET TONIGHT

Prominent Speakers to Address Members of Lincoln Lodge, Dancing and Singing

Address and subjects of view and human interest will be discussed tonight by some thirty five in a banquet of B'Nai Brith, No. 280, of the Independent Order of B'Nai Brith. The banquet will be held at the Hotel Waldorf. It will celebrate the first year of Lincoln Lodge. The entire membership will attend.

Charles J. Weiss is chairman of the banquet committee. Many prominent speakers have been invited, among them the president of the district, Frederick J. De Treaux, J. Solomon Strauss, Judge of Luzerne County, Joseph W. Sabin, of Atlantic City, and the Hon. Marvin Nathan. There will be vocal operatic selections by a group of members. Arrangements have been made for dancing as a feature of the entertainment.

Lincoln Lodge was formed by J. G. Brown.

MISS PETERSON TO WED

Mrs. George W. Childs's Kin to Be Wedding Bride

Miss Anne D. Peterson, granddaughter of Mrs. George W. Childs, will marry her first cousin, Mr. George W. Childs, Jr., at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow in Philadelphia, Pa. The bride is the daughter of Mr. George W. Childs, Sr., and Mrs. Childs, who has retired from the firm in France, where he served as an aviator.

Miss Peterson is known as a favorite of the summer set in Pasadena. She spent a small vacation at the residence of her parents in Pasadena, where she will be in business and get ready for her wedding. Mr. Childs is the son of the Hon. W. H. Childs, of South Carolina.

British Advance on Tigris

LONDON, Jan. 4.—An official report has just been made that the British in their advance on Tigris, have made further progress on the right bank of the Tigris, east and northeast of Kut-el-Amara.

Boys \$125,000 Holmesburg Realty

George T. Sale has purchased a residence at Holly street and Frankford avenue, the tenant house and a large quarry in Holmesburg from the estate of the late Congressman George A. Chastor. The purchase price approximated \$125,000.

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